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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

LisaAnne O'Neill Ryan, LPC License No. 37PC00308700

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

This matter was opened to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (the "Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

1. Respondent, LisaAnne O'Neill Ryan, was licensed to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey on April 21, 2004. Respondent permitted that license to lapse on November 30, 2004.

- 2. On April 27, 2005 the Committee sent respondent a letter advising her that her license had been suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1.
- 3. On May 3, 2007 respondent plead guilty to one count of criminal sexual contact, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3b, was placed on probation for three (3) years and was required to surrender and forfeit her license to practice psychology.
- 4. Respondent's failure to submit her biennial renewal in New Jersey in 2004 resulting in a lapsed license status provides grounds to automatically suspend respondent's license to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this ______ day of ecember, 2008, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.
- 2. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey license at any time in the future, then this Order shall require Respondent to appear before a Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Counselor Examiners Committee to establish that she is fit to practice professional counseling in New Jersey, provide information concerning the criminal conviction and provide proof that she has not engaged in any professional

counseling or mental health counseling, including uncompensated or volunteer counseling and/or counseling in an exempt setting and/or life coaching. Additionally, the Committee reserves the right to take disciplinary action regarding the criminal action and any professional misconduct and place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's license to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey.

PROFESSIONAL

COUNSELOR

EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

By:

J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D.,

President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF LAW MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2008

TO:

Elaine DeMars, Executive Director

Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

FROM:

Susan C. Berger, DAG (17)

SUBJECT: LisaAnne O'Neill Ryan, LPC/Order of Summary Suspension

DOL DKT. NO.:

Previously the Committee recommended that I forward a Consent Order of Voluntary Suspension to this licensee who pled guilty to one count of criminal sexual misconduct, who was required to surrender her (psychology) license and who has not renewed her license since 2004. The licensee failed to sign the Consent Order. At the September meeting the Committee recommended that I prepare a Provisional Order of Discipline. However, after I reviewed this matter I rethought it. I would like the Committee to reconsider the matter and consider filing an Order of Summary Suspension based on her failure to renew. This is a quicker method of suspending her license. Please place this matter on the Committee agenda for review. Annexed please find the Order that I drafted for the Committee.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.